

REMARKS

Prosecution and consideration of the claimed subject matter in the accompanying patent application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 and 35 have been cancelled. Claims 26-34, 36-41, 46 and 52-57 have been amended. Claims 42-45 and 47-51 are withdrawn. Amended claims 26-34, 36-41, 46 and 52-57 are in the case and are before the Examiner.

I. The Amendments

Each of the pending claims has been amended pursuant to the Examiner's helpful suggestions offered in the Interview Summary of January 17, 2006 that was mailed on January 19, 2006.

II. The Action

The most recent Action was a final Action that had only one rejection. That rejection was based on an alleged lack of enablement for the claimed subject matter. Although it cannot be agreed that that subject matter was not enabled, the claims have been amended to speed prosecution by following the Examiner's suggestion. It is thus believed that the sole outstanding rejection has been made moot.

III. Summary

Each of the previously pending claims has been amended as suggested by the Examiner on January 17, 2006. It is believed that the only outstanding basis for rejection is therefore moot.

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It is therefore believed that this application is in condition for allowance of all of the pending claims. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned should any questions arise that can be dealt with over the phone to expedite this prosecution. It is noted that the undersigned is a new counsel for this application. A formal Power of Attorney will be filed in this application in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures


Petition for Extension of Time
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Fee Sheet

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment, a Four-Month Extension of Time and its fee, an RCE and its Fee and Fee Sheet are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 21, 2006.

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